



Criminal Appeals: Timeline

North Carolina Department of Justice

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STEP	TIME (*Courts may EXTEND time)
1. Conviction and Sentencing in trial court	
2. Notice of Appeal given to trial court	Within 14 days
3. Transcript of trial ordered	Within 14 days
4. Transcript of trial prepared	Due in 60 days in non-capital cases* Due in 120 days in capital cases*
5. Record on Appeal prepared by defendant	Due in 35 days in non-capital cases* Due in 70 days in capital cases*
6. Record on Appeal reviewed by prosecutor	Within 21 days in non-capital cases* Within 35 days in capital cases*
7. Record on Appeal settled by judge (if requested)	Within 20 days*
8. Record on Appeal filed	Within 15 days
9. Printed Record on Appeal mailed	Within timely fashion
10. State Attorney assigned to appeal	Within timely fashion
11. Victim(s) notified of appellate proceedings	Per request
12. Defendant's brief filed with appellate court	Within 30 days in non-capital cases* Within 60 days in capital cases*
13. State's brief filed with appellate court	Within 30 days in non-capital cases* Within 60 days in capital cases*
14. Briefs reviewed by appellate court	Within several months
15. Opinion issued by appellate court	No time limit (Average time is 6 months)
16. Appealed to the Supreme Court from the Court of Appeals (when applicable)	Within 35 days

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